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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 773

By McCord

A RESOLUTION to commend Dan Story for his honorable and
astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional
careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Don Story is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity
in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Maryville, Don Story is a highly respected member of
his community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Maryville City Schools Coordinator of
Transportation and Attendance, Mr. Story has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen
of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man recently astounded the entire school district by
donating \$20,000 worth of stock to benefit almost every school in the system; and

WHEREAS, John Sevier, Sam Houston, Fort Craig, and Foothills Elementary Schools,
Maryville Intermediate School and Maryville Middle School each received \$20,000 in stock

certificates from such major corporations as Microsoft, McDonald's, Disney, Bristol-Meyer, Pepsi and Coke Products, AT&T, Glaxo, Honeywell, Dow Chemicals, and others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Story's astounding generosity will fund projects at each school that the administration feels are needed; and

WHEREAS, playground adjustments, outdoor classrooms, library needs and technology upgrades are all worthy projects that being made possible by Don Story's generous donations; and

WHEREAS, this large gift that overwhelmed educators and administrators in Maryville is nothing new for Mr. Story; earlier in the year, he and his wife donated \$100,000 to Maryville High School for the athletic training facility now under construction; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this incredible gesture, the Maryville Board of Education has unanimously approved the "Don Story Athletic Facility" as the official name of the new building; and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence in education and to public service in his community, Mr. Story has also donated \$100,000 worth of stock to the athletic department at Maryville College, and an additional \$100,000 in stock to Walland United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Story's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Don Story is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor in Maryville and Blount County; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Story is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Carol; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the monetary donations Mr. and Mrs. Story have so generously made, their munificence extends deeper into the community as they give of their time to visit regularly with the elderly citizens in the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Don Story is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and philanthropy that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Don Story for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, applaud his unswerving commitment to quality education for the children of Maryville, which has been evidenced in his many professional contributions and his generous monetary donations to benefit public education, and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.